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REMARKS

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1. Between 2:45 and 3:45 p.m. on 13 April 1954, 37 trucks carrying about 900 troops with full pack, 2 JS-2 tanks, 7 field guns of about 122-mm, 3 x 76-mm guns, 8 jeeps, 3 field kitchens, and 2 radio trucks moved out of the Anger Kaserne [] in Magdeburg. 1 25X1

2. [] units from Hagenow were to be transferred to the Doemitz-Eldena training area between 19 and 26 April [] from the Krueger Kaserne [] Schwerin, was to move to the Wittstock area between 20 and 30 April. 2 25X1 25X1

3. The following unloadings were observed at Dallgow railroad station:

25X1 At 8:30 p.m. on 1 April: 3 x 100-mm AT guns, [] and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The AT guns were towed toward Rohrbeck by prime movers. The shipment presumably included other guns.

25X1 At 6:30 p.m. on 8 April: 6 x 85-mm AT guns, [] 25X1 and about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The troops subsequently left toward Rohrbeck.

25X1 At 5:30 a.m. on 9 April: 7 x 37-mm AA guns, [] and 25X1 about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

4. On 6 April, Colonel Okulov (fmu), chief of staff, and Captain Zyomin (fmu), Kech officer, both from Perleberg, were identified in the headquarters buildings of Schweinrich cantonment. The headquarters buildings were only lightly occupied, with some of them still being walled up. 4

25X1 5. In early April, Unit Zirobovo, [] from Magdeburg paid a bill for the signal unit in the Artillerie Kaserne [] in Perleberg. 5

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25X1 7. [] 9 shipments were detrained in Fuerstenberg on 27 March. [] 12 SU-100s 25X1 [] and about 40 trucks with supply and billeting equipment. []

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8. On 6, 7, and 8 April, the area of Penz and Beuglobow was fully occupied by troops. No details could be learned as the entire area was cordoned off by MP.

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9. At about 4 p.m. on 6 April, [REDACTED] towing 5 x 37-mm AA guns moved out of the AA emplacement southwest of Waldeslust ammunition depot and proceeded toward Finow. The trucks carried 60 to 70 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The AAA emplacement was vacant by 7 April.⁹

10. The names of the following supply officers in Bernau were determined from official records:

Lieutenant Colonel Dobrenko (fmu) and Lieutenant Colonel Zubov (fmu), subordinate to Lieutenant Colonel Dobrenko, and supply officer in army clothing depot No I [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Colonel Shatsruny (fmu), supply officer of a unit in the SS Brieftaubenstation (pigeon station) [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Colonel Tomilien (fmu), supply officer of the tank unit in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne [REDACTED]. Major Volturchek (fmu), in army clothing depot No II [REDACTED], one Rudkina (fmu), and Major Bichkov (fmu) in the quarters on Angergang; Lieutenant Colonel Khimenko (fmu) in the large bakery on Karl Marx Strasse; Lieutenant Colonel Krivozubov (fmu) at the motion picture theater and club on Zepernick Strasse; and Lieutenant Colonel Kashin (fmu) at the komendatura.¹⁰

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is possible that units of the 62d Gds Mech Regt left for a short-term exercise. The 122-mm field guns are believed to have been 85-mm AF guns.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. It appears that units of the 283d Gds Mts Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mts Rifle Div from Hagenow were to be assigned border guard missions along the border in the Doenitz-Eldena area. [REDACTED] the 136th Gun Arty Regt 25X1 of the 4th Gds Arty Brig (US) in Schwerin up to 30 April 1954. The regiment was presumably to be transferred to Wittstock for firing practices. It is possible that the 18th Mech Div starts occupying the troop training grounds on 20 April.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. On 1 April, units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) from Altengratkow were detrained. [REDACTED] the shipments came from Netzeband [REDACTED] on 8 April and from Neubukow [REDACTED] on 9 April. [REDACTED] On 8 April, units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) probably returned from exercises of the 12th Gds Tank Div and, on 9 April, units of the 1382d AAA Regt (US) of the 1st Mech Div probably returned from firing at Wustrow.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Comment. Both officers are known. It seems that Colonel Okulev (fmu), chief of staff of the 18th Vesh Div, made preparations for the transfer of the division to the Wittstock troop training grounds.

25X1 5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] and Colonel Ziroboto (fmu) have previously been reported by the same source as belonging to a signal unit in Magdeburg, which maintained a detail in the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] presumably belongs to the komendatura at Wittstock. 25X1

25X1 7. [REDACTED] Comment. Information on unloadings in Fuerstenberg of units of the 18th Mech Div for exercises in the area of Fuerstenberg, Rheinsberg, and the Wittstock troop training grounds was submitted previously. 25X1

25X1 8. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably exercises of units of the Second Gds Mech Army southwest of Fuerstenberg. [REDACTED] the units involved were small components of the 9th Gds Tank Div, possibly, units of the 33d Gds Mts Rifle Regt.

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25X1 9. [redacted] Comment: The Waldeslust ammunition depot was vacated by the Fourth Gds Mech Army in early February. It is possible that the evacuation was completed at the beginning of April and that, therefore, the AAA protection of the 63d AAA Div (US) was withdrawn.

25X1 10. [redacted] Comment: The officers are known, except for Major Volturchek (fmu), Lieutenant Colonel Krivozubov (fmu), and Rukish (fmu).

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